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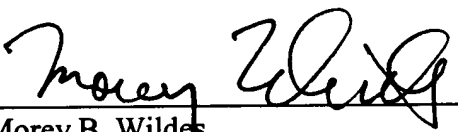
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It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

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